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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BUNICHI SHOJI
Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED
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Title: A TRUSS STRUCTURE, STRUCTURAL MEMBERS THEREOF,
AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 8, 1999

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior
to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, change "claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claim 8:

A¹ ~~8. A truss structure according to claim 2, wherein said connection part further comprises said parent plate and a rib erected crosswise thereon, and wherein an edge of said flat section is tapered to allow for each flat section of each chord member to be positioned in close proximity.--~~

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the specification, claims and abstract before examination of the application is respectfully

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